



**U S Army Corps
of Engineers**
Huntington District

Public Notice

In reply refer to Public Notice No.

LRH-2006-2333-GMR

Issuance Date:

May 2, 2007

Stream:

Great Miami River

Closing Date:

June 1, 2007

Please address all comments and inquiries to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District

ATTN: CELRH-OR-F Public Notice No. (*reference above*)

502 Eighth Street

Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

Phone: (304) 399-5210

PUBLIC NOTICE: The purpose of this public notice is to inform you of a permit modification request with a proposal for work in which you might be interested. It is also to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest. We hope you will participate in this process.

REGULATORY PROGRAM: Since its early history, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has played an important role in the development of the nation's water resources. Originally, this involved construction of harbor fortifications and coastal defenses. Later duties included the improvement of waterways to provide avenues of commerce. An important part of our mission today is the protection of the nation's waterways through the administration of the Corps Regulatory Program.

SECTION 10: The Corps is directed by Congress under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403) to regulate all work or structures in or affecting the course, condition or capacity of navigable waters of the United States (U.S.). The intent of this law is to protect the navigable capacity of waters important to interstate commerce.

SECTION 404: The Corps is directed by Congress under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344) to regulate the discharge of dredged and fill material into all waters of the United States, including wetlands. The intent of the law is to protect the nation's waters from the indiscriminate discharge of material capable of causing pollution and to restore and maintain their chemical, physical and biological integrity.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a modification to a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This notice serves as the Corps of Engineers' request to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to act on Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the following application.

APPLICANT: Vickers Wrecking, Inc.
1650 Wayne-Madison Road
Trenton, Ohio 45067

LOCATION: The proposed project is located near the Woodsdale Bridge on the Great Miami River at Mile 42.4 in Butler County, Ohio. Latitude 39° 25' 57", Longitude 84° 28' 35".

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK: Department of the Army Permit Number 199901662, issued by Louisville District, authorizes the removal of sand and gravel on the Great Miami River at Mile 42.4 excluding the area known as "Sandbar D". The applicant requests permit modification to include the removal of sand and gravel from "Sandbar D". The material would be removed to a maximum depth of the natural river bottom using a backhoe or loader in the river. The material would be placed into a truck and transported to an adjacent upland site. The stockpiled material would be surrounded by straw bales or silt fencing and sorted for later use. When the entire sandbar has been removed to the natural river bottom, no further removal would occur until the sandbar has been replenished by the natural current and deposits of the river. In addition, the applicant requests authorization to place fill material in waters of the United States for the construction of a haul road. The applicant proposes to install two concrete culverts, no smaller than 24 inches in diameter, and place gravel as needed, obtained from the river to construct an in stream access road from the right descending bank to "Sandbar D". The haul road would be located approximately 350 feet downstream of an existing effluent pipe. Plans of the modified proposal are attached to this notice.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A Section 401 Water Quality Certification is required for this project. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain certification from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES: The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and it has been determined there are no properties currently listed on the register that are in the area affected by the project. A copy of this public notice will be furnished to the State Historic Preservation Office for their review. Comments concerning archaeological sensitivity of the project area should be based on collected data.

THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES: The project is located within the known or historic range of the following candidate, threatened, or endangered species: Indiana bat (Endangered).

The Huntington District has consulted the most recently available information and has determined the project would have no effect on the Indiana bat as no trees would be removed in association with the proposed work within the Great Miami River. The project is not likely to adversely affect the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. This public notice serves as a request to the USFWS for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

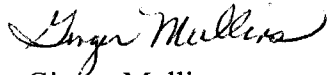
PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW AND COMMENT: Any person who has an interest that may be adversely affected by the issuance of a permit may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer on or before the expiration date of this notice and must clearly set forth the interest which may be adversely affected and the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected by the activity. This application will be reviewed in accordance with 33 CFR 320-331, the Regulatory Program of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and other pertinent laws, regulations, and executive orders. Our evaluation will also follow the guidelines published by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 404(b) (1) of the CWA. Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; of those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Written statements on these factors received in this office on or before the expiration date of this public notice will become a part of the record and will be considered in the final determination. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. For accuracy and completeness of the administrative record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD: All comments pertaining to this Public Notice must reach this office on or before the close of the comment period listed on page one of this Public Notice. If no comments are received by that date, it will be considered that there are no objections. Comments and requests for additional information should be submitted to:

Denise Marmer
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District
ATTN: CELRH-OR-FN Public Notice No. LRH-2006-2333-GMR
502 Eighth Street
Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

Please note, the names and addresses of those who submit comments in response to this public notice become part of our administrative record and, as such, are available to the public under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Thank you for your interest in our nation's water resources. If you have any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Ms. Denise Marmer of the North Regulatory Section, Cincinnati Regulatory Field Office at 513-825-4518.



Ginger Mullins
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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VICINITY MAP

SOURCE:
TRENTON, OHIO
QUAD-U.S.G.S.
MAPPING
BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO
NEAREST TOWN-
TRENTON=7.2 MILES
LATITUDE:
84°28'35"
LONGITUDE:
39°25'57"



SCALE: 1"=2000'
APPROXIMATE SCALE

PLANS PREPARED BY:



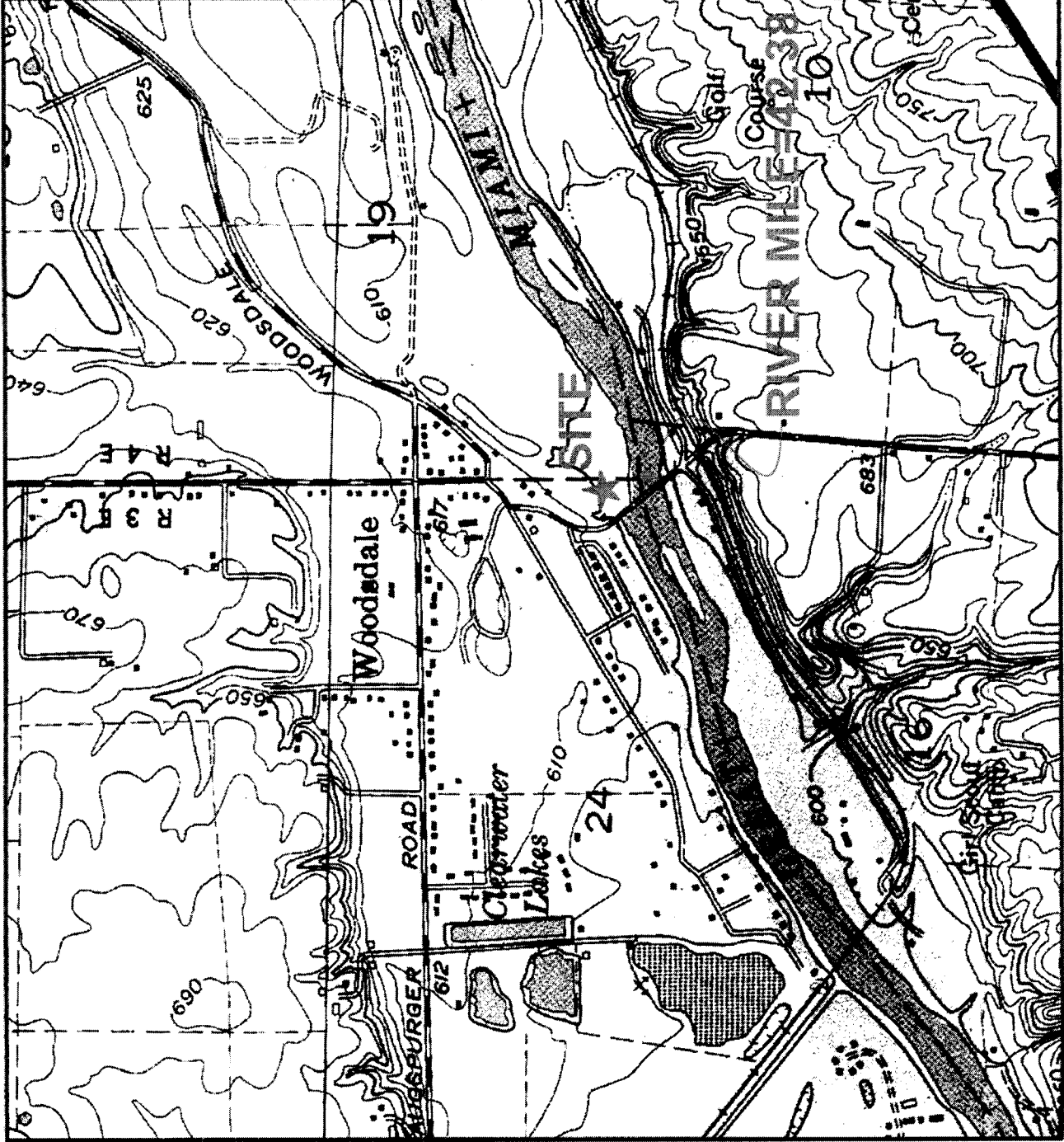
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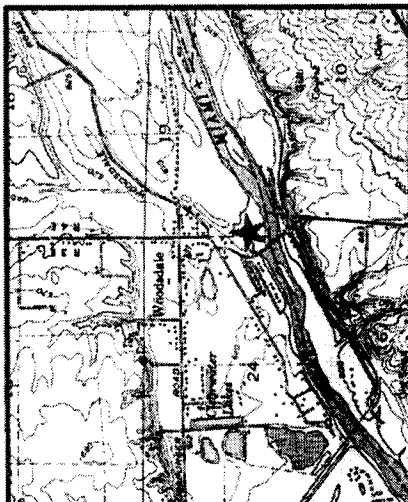
**GREAT MIAMI RIVER
SAND BAR REMOVAL**

BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO
RIVER MILE 42.58
APPLICANT: VICKERS WRECKING, INC.

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VICINITY MAP

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★ SITE

* HAUL ROAD TO BE CONSTRUCTED
OF BANK RUN GRAVEL

HATCH LEGEND

EX. SANDBAR
(CURRENTLY BEING REMOVED)

GRAVEL TO BE STOCKPILED
(3 SEPARATE PILES)

- 1) 2'-6"
- 2) 310
- 3) 57

EX. SANDBAR
(TO BE REMOVED IN THE FUTURE)

PLANS PREPARED BY:



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RIVER MILE 42.38

APPLICANT: VICKERS WRECKING, INC.

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SECTION LOCATIONS



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SCALE: 1"=600'
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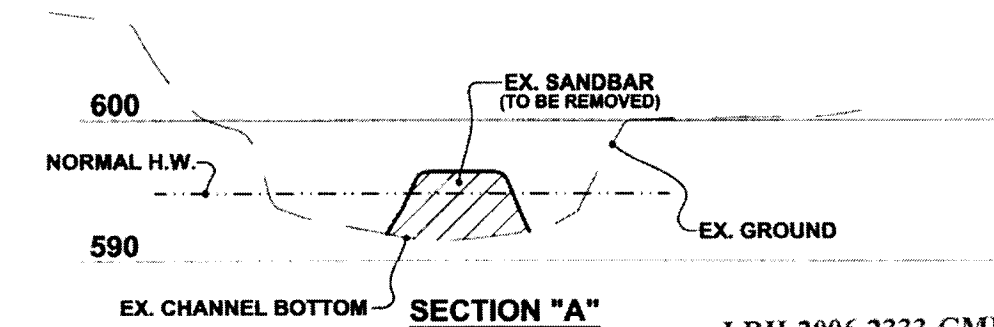
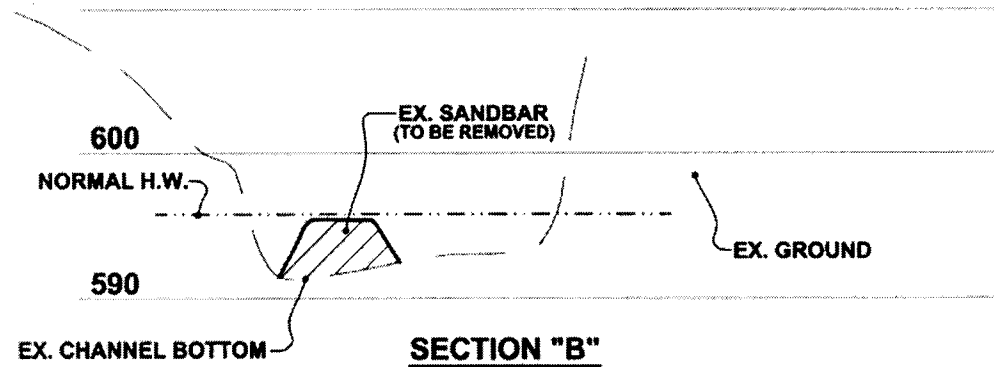
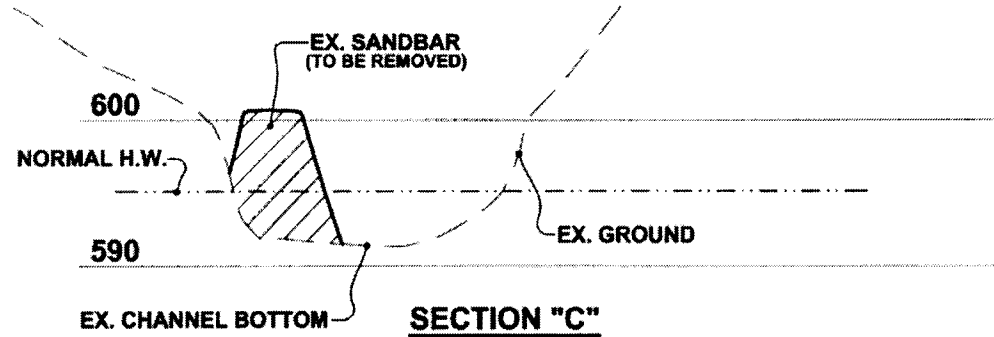
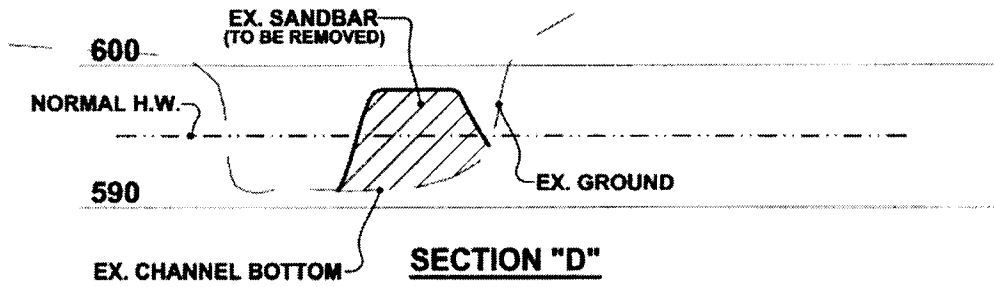
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